

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

[[In a]] A pusher for scraper chain conveyors, ~~especially of the kind used in underground mining,~~ comprising an upper ~~member~~ and a ~~therewith connectable~~ lower member, ~~said the~~ two members being connectable by ~~means of~~ bolted connections. [[,]] ~~each~~ Each member of ~~said the~~ pusher featuring one part of one or more chain beds through which a flat jointing plane runs, as well as one part of the recesses provided for the bolts of the bolted connections and located to the outside of the chain bed. [[,]] ~~the~~ The upper ~~member~~ and ~~the~~ lower member embracing each other at least partially, and the upper member being configured as a bow-like bridge element that wraps over both ends of the lower member from above. [[,]] ~~the~~ The two ends of the bridge-like upper member being of cuneiform shape and having upper and lower guide surfaces sloping towards each other in V-formation, and the upper ~~member~~ and ~~the~~ lower member engaging each other at each end by ~~means of~~ nose-like centering projections on the upper ~~member~~ or ~~the~~ lower member, ~~said the~~ projections engaging complementary recesses in the contact surfaces of the lower ~~member~~ or ~~the~~ upper member. [[,]] ~~supporting~~ Supporting surfaces are provided between the upper ~~member~~ and ~~the~~ lower member and generate a gap between the upper ~~member~~ and ~~the~~ lower member.